

**Ivey Memorial  
United  
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Church**

# The Nugget

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**Special points of interest:**

- Um Men's Brunswick Stew Sales Nov. 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- UM Men Dinner & Meeting November 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- UM Women's Program November 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Community Craft Fair November 14 & 15. Friday from 9-6 & Saturday 8-2.
- Ivey Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- Colonial Heights Comm. Thanksgiving SVC at Highland UMC at 7:00 p.m.

## From The Pastor

We are beginning our Stewardship Program for the coming year. With the news of a volatile stock market and a gloomy economy, it is a matter of faith to underwrite our church's financial needs for the next year. I have always believed that it is a matter of faith. Are we giving to meet a budget or to pay the church's bills? No, we are called by God to give as a sign of our faith and obedience. If we truly trust that God will provide for our material needs, then giving becomes a sign and seal of our life of faith. We know that the mission and ministries of Ivey touch the lives of families here and around the world. Worship, Christian education, Youth and Children's programs, mission and outreach are all possible only through the faithful giving of each Ivey member. The gifts and tithes we bring to the Lord say more about our faith

than the needs of a budget or a financial campaign. We give because of the joy we experience in our life in Christ. Thankfulness is at the real heart of Christian giving. Let your prayers and faith guide the financial commitment you will make this fall.

We are bombarded by Christmas ads every year to buy and buy. Remember it is the birthday of our Savior that we are called to celebrate. As you plan your Christmas giving, let the true meaning of Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas direct your purchases.

We have received almost \$2000 toward our commitment of \$2500 toward the support of Elma Jocson our missionary. She is currently on educational study leave in the Philippines. A surgeon, Elma will soon receive a new assignment from the General Board of

Global Ministries.

What a joy to have Chad and Sara Herndon and baby Sophie with us for Ivey Homecoming. It was good to see so many folks at worship.

**Coming events:**

United Methodist Men's Brunswick Stew Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and Sales Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> \$6.00 per qt.

Ivey Crafter's Bazaar will be held Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Helpers are needed for the Gingerbread House in the small fellowship hall.

Colonial Heights Community Thanksgiving Service at Highland UMC, Tuesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Dave Prather, the pastor of Immanuel Baptist will be the preacher.

Yours In Christ,  
Tom

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. If you would like to participate in this project, just take a standard size shoe box with the lid and box wrapped separately. Some boxes will be available at the church. Fill the box with gifts appropriate for a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

Fill out the label and include a \$7 donation for shipping. Bring the box to church before November 16 and feel good knowing you helped to make a child's Christmas brighter. For more information call Robin Littell at 526-7225 or the church office at 526-1350.

## Lay Leader's Corner

**God's people in ALL places, and in ALL times, are called to LOVE and to SERVE. (Ministry of the Laity)**

*2 Corinthians 2:15 - "For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing".*

J. B. Phillips, noted bible translator, writer and clergyman translates this verse, "Through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. We Christians have the unmistakable scent (or fragrance) of Christ."

Rita Snowden tells a delightful story of holidaying in Devon. She was sitting at the window in the house where she was staying and suddenly the air seemed to fill with fragrance. It was so noticeable, so striking, that she asked herself where on earth it could be coming from. She looked out of the window and all she could see were ordinary people walking up and down the street. She went out and the fragrance was stronger than ever. So she inquired, "Where does this fragrance come from?" The hostess of the house said, "Don't you know? These people all work in a perfume factory. They live in the fragrance all day and when they come out at lunchtime they bring the fragrance with them."

Do we bear the fragrance of Christ so that wherever we go there is something different about us that makes people

want to follow and find the secret? "We Christians," said Paul, "have the unmistakable fragrance of Christ." I wonder if we really do!

### **Spiritual Growth Opportunities:**

For those folks who enjoy Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Tours - they will be in Roanoke, Va. on Saturday, December 6th at the Roanoke Civic Center. For more information, visit their online site at [www.Gaither.com](http://www.Gaither.com) and go to the ticketing link. They are also hosting a Caribbean cruise beginning February 22 to March 1, 2009. You can get all the information by calling 1-800-247-1899 or online at [www.inspirationcruises.com](http://www.inspirationcruises.com).

The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center will be presenting "An Evening in Blackstone" on December 7. This annual event starts with an Open House at 4:30 p.m., with refreshments served at the historic Gables house (restored home of the former President of Blackstone College). A banquet follows at 6 p.m. This year's event features a one-woman show titled "Women at the Well," which begins at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call (434) 292-5308, or e-mail [cyndischnell@vaumc.org](mailto:cyndischnell@vaumc.org).

Advanced 'Safe Sanctuaries' Training will be held on Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crenshaw UMC in Blackstone. Workshop leaders will explore issues of child/youth abuse and

safety related to the Internet. Cost is \$25.00 per person which includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit the Web at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) and click on "Events" or call the Office of Children's Ministries and Discipleship at 1-800-768-6040, ext. 138. Deadline to register is Nov. 10.

Don't forget that trips are being planned for the "Oberammergau Passion Play in 2010 in Germany. This play is only performed once every ten years. Oberammergau has presented its Passion Play since 1634, when the Thirty Years War was raging, famine was rampant, and countless people were dying of the plague. In fact death had become so common that the villagers began to fear that no one would survive. They made a promise to God that they would perform the "play of suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared extinction. They put on the play, the plague disappeared, and the villagers have kept their promise for almost four centuries, viewing the production as an act of gratitude for the lives that were saved centuries ago. For more information about these trips, you may contact the District Office at 732-2538.

Carene Edwards  
Lay Leader

**Children's Choir will begin this Sunday, November 2 at 8:45 a.m.**

# Opening Up

When I look back at the many boards, committees, and discussion groups, (or whatever labels you want to stick on such activities for any cause) that I have been associated with in the past decade (much less my adult life), I realized that involvement and commitment were seldom fully embraced from the start and that either self-protection or curiosity are what drew me initially to the event.

Although I love God, believe and want to serve, I have been relatively uninvolved in church operations in my life. I can throw out excuses that I put in a military career and constantly moved; lived on a military base and the Army chaplains handled all those functions/duties or more often than not, my calendar was just too full to take on anymore.

I was much more willing to open

my wallet and give of its contents than I was of my time. When first asked to serve by Pastor Tom about 2 years ago, I turned him down due to workload (and felt guilty – very guilty). It was easier in my mind to give from my wallet, and satisfy my heart (because I knew I should do all I can) than from my appointment book. Which brings me to my article title “Opening Up.” If one believes in something and wants to be a part of it and wants it to succeed, then one must give or “open up” in three ways - from the heart, from the appointment book and from the wallet (to the extent that they are able to).

Yes someone can still learn and mature (after the age of 60) as I hope I have and bring these three forms of giving that I label “opening up” into balance in my life. The reality is that one should always give of their heart first and

the others will follow. Ivey needs members to serve on committees, ad hoc groups or teaching opportunities (both internal and external) – let Pastor Tom or Craig know what interests you. Ivey is in need of your support for our stewardship as there are obligations to our immediate church sustaining operations; our youth and missions; and our greater Methodist world needs which we call apportionments.

Please consider “Opening Up” as we move forward to both serve and meet our financial obligations for year’s end and the new year before us.

Thank you for your faith and service to God and the Ivey Family.

Ron Laux  
Finance Committee Chair

# United Methodist Men

*The purpose of United Methodist Men is to help men have Jesus Christ as the center of their lives.*

The United Methodist Men will be holding their annual Brunswick Stew sale on Saturday, November 8 at the Church, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The cost of the stew will be \$6.00 per quart and we are taking advance orders. You may call any member or the church office (526-1350) to record your order. If you can help stir the stew during the night of November 7, please call Chip Robertson (526-0218) and offer your assistance on one of the shifts. As most of you know, the stew must be stirred continually throughout the night.

The United Methodist Men’s Organization has spent much of 2008 looking back to the 1908 beginning of

men’s ministry. During that 100 year span, our forefathers constructed a spiritual home that nurtured thousands of men. But the number of church members declined. There are hundreds of factors involved in these membership losses, and the UMC is not the only mainline denomination to suffer this membership hemorrhage. However, the loss of men is clearly one of the factors. On the negative side, churches decline when only one third of the members are men. On the positive side, when a men is the first to join a church, his family follows him 97 percent of the time. As the curtain begins to descend on this centennial year, it’s time to think about the next 100 years. Leaders of the UM Men are seeking new ways to move their organizations from only nurturing members to helping men become spiritual fathers who give birth to new Christians. Our

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# United Methodist Women

*“God catches those who think they are wise in their own cleverness” 1Cor. 3:19b*

Many thanks to Robin Edwards for our Pledge Service Program. We are happy to add Mickey Laux as a new member.

Nov. 2nd– District Fall Day Apart—Prospect UMC-3:00 PM

Nov. 13th—7:00 PM –Regular Meeting “World Thank Offering” Program

Dec. 6th– 9:30AM-2:00 PM—Dist. UMW Officer Training and Advent Worship— VUMAC

Sign up sheet on the UMW bulletin board. Deadline for registration is Nov. 22nd. Cost is \$10.50.

Dec. 10th– 4th quarter Treasurer’s Report due.

Dec. 13th—11:00 AM– Covered dish Christmas Luncheon & party ending our 2008 year.

Please remember to give your \$3.00 membership to Robin Edwards.

If you need a “special” gift for someone, we have some nice Rada knife sets also Happy Home flavorings. We still have some cards left.

Thanks to our two yard sales, Rada knives, flavorings and cards we were able to provide contributions as follows: Church Parking lot- \$500.00, Youth & Jr. Fellowship- \$200.00 each, \$100 to the following: CARES shelter, Henry Fork Center, Jackson Field, Hawthorne Foundation, Pathways, Elma Jocson, Kingsway Mission. Salvation Army, Christmas Mother, Andy Putnam– Voices of Youth, “Nothing But Nets”, we also sent money to help with the upkeep of VUMAC. So you can see lvey UMW is very involved in Mission.

All ladies if the church are invited to join us. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month except for July and August. We do change our Lenten Prayer Breakfast and Christmas programs to Saturday’s.

Real friends are those who, when you’ve made a fool of yourself, don’t feel as though you’ve done a permanent job.

Shalom,

Louise

## **Tadpoles and JRF All Stars**

Tadpole - 2 years-K will meet Sunday, Nov. 2 from 4:00-5:00 in the Small Fellowship Hall.

JRF ALL STARS - 1st-6th grades will meet on: Nov.2, Nov. 9, Nov.16, Nov. 23 (will meet one hour prior to Thanksgiving Dinner) NO MEETING on Nov. 30.

The ALL STARS will begin working on their Christmas Program on Sunday, Nov. 2. It is extremely important that all ALL STARS who have a part in the program be at every meeting from now through Christmas!

## **Notes from the Heart**

Thank you for all your prayers and cards while I was in the Hospital.

In Christ’s Love,  
Dorothy Vincent

Our thoughts and prayers are with Henry Brankley and his family in the death of his sister, Sarah Adelaide Brankley. Sarah passed to new life on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Please keep the Brankley family in your prayers.

# Inside Story Headline

## IVEY YOUTH CORNER

**Paige has a new email address: [YouthPastor@IveyMemorial.org](mailto:YouthPastor@IveyMemorial.org)**

### MISSION TRIPS:

*This Summer we are planning a two Mission Trips*

*Passport Mission from July 5 – 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Tri-city Workcamp from 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week unsure at time of this publication!!*

Thanks to Everyone who sold and purchased Pizza Kits from the Youth. The youth earned \$349.00 towards their Mission Trips this year

### **BREAKFAST WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN NOVEMBER, SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN**



### **RETURNING THIS SERVICE – 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> Sundays in November.**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> the Youth will be racking leaves for individuals within our congregation and will also go on a hayride on the Robertson farm after. The Youth will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and if any adults would like to help us, we would appreciate it!!!**

The Junior Youth will be attending the Annual Conference Middle School Retreat November 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Each youth attending needs to make there deposit of \$50.00 payable to Ivey Memorial UMC before leaving. Congregational prayers are needed and appreciated.

### **ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EAT!!!!!!**

**After Church luncheon hosted by the Youth on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Salad, Soup, Potato and Dessert will be on the menu for a free will offering. All proceeds will go towards our Mission Trips this summer. Take a break from Turkey and enjoy!!!**

For information regarding our youth group, please feel free to contact Our Youth Pastor, Paige Williams at (804) 712-6806 or email [youth-pastor@iveymemorial.org](mailto:youth-pastor@iveymemorial.org)

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**United Methodist Men cont..**

goal for the next century is not simply to increase the number of church members; our goal is to enrich the lives of men and their families through faith communities. (Excerpts from the Fall 2008 UM Men's Magazine.)

With these statistics in mind, we invite ALL men of Ivey Church to become active in our local unit of United Methodist Men. We have a rich heritage and want to see this organization flourish once again. We are open to suggestions and welcome ideas for programs that would be of interest to all men.

Our Dinner meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. The cost for dinner is \$5.00 to help offset the cost of food. There is no charge for first time visitors. Annual dues are \$5.00. Please join us on November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the small social hall.

Clay Edwards,  
 President

**Worship Leaders Schedule**

**Greeters**

**8:30**

Nov. 2 Beth Honea & Emily Zammett  
 Nov. 9 Clay & Carene Edwards  
 Nov. 16 Randy Crowthers & Paige Williams  
 Nov. 23 Sarah & Emily Zammett  
 Nov. 30 Larry & Robin Littell  
 Dec. 7 Clay & Carene Edwards  
 Dec. 14 Beth Honea & Sarah Zammett  
 Dec. 21 Paige Williams & Emily Zammett  
 Dec. 28 Robin & Larry Littell

**11:00**

Lucille Gravitte & Robin Edwards  
 Clay & Carene Edwards  
 Kermit & Shelby Slayton  
 Dennis & Brenda Harrup  
 Erika Hilton & Robin Edwards  
 George & Dean Baxter  
 Larry & Robin Littell  
 John & Betty Edwards  
 Lucille Gravitte & Erika Hilton

**Readers**

**8:30**

Nov. 2 Alyssa Shelley  
 Nov. 9 Chip Robertson  
 Nov. 16 Paige Williams  
 Nov. 23 Ann Brown  
 Nov. 30 Robin Littell  
 Dec. 7 Carene Edwards  
 Dec. 14 Eva Booth  
 Dec. 21 Rachel Mann  
 Dec. 28 Reggie Mann

**11:00**

David Ellis  
 Carene Edwards  
 Craig Purcell  
 Brenda Harrup  
 Sarah Zammett  
 Dean Baxter  
 Robin Littell  
 Diane Grover  
 Paul Grover

**Counters**

Nov. 2 Marlene Wheel House, George Robertson & Donna Brockwell  
 Nov. 9 Sarah Zammett, Betty & John Edwards  
 Nov. 16 Eva Booth, Clay & Carene Edwards  
 Nov. 23 Robin Edwards & Gail Shelley  
 Nov. 30 Dot Fitzgerald, Bruce & Donna Brockwell  
 Dec. 7 Robin Edwards & Donna Brockwell  
 Dec. 14 Marlene Wheelhouse, George Robertson & Donna Brockwell  
 Dec. 21 Sarah Zammett, Betty & John Edwards  
 Dec. 28 Eva Booth, Clay & Carene Edwards

**Acolytes**

**8:30**

Nov. 2 G. W. Robertson  
 Nov. 9 Open  
 Nov. 16 Rickey Booth  
 Nov. 23 G. W. Robertson  
 Nov. 30 Open  
 Dec. 7 Rickey Booth  
 Dec. 14 G. W. Robertson  
 Dec. 21 Open  
 Dec. 28 Rickey Booth

**11:00**

Taylor Turner  
 Open  
 Summer Giehl  
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Have you ever wondered "how do I get my name on the list to be a greeters, readers or acolyte?" If you would like to be added to the schedule, please return the form below or call the church office at 526-1350. We will be working on the next schedule in November.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be a: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in the

8:30 Service \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 Service \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one or both)